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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) to (*f*) The scheme for the construction of an anicut across the Agniar near Karambakudi is under investigation by the local Public Works Department Officers with reference to the question of availability of supply, etc. Hence particulars such as cost, ayacut, etc., are not available yet and it cannot be said now whether the scheme will be taken up for execution."

Slum improvement in the City.

* 1136 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Corporation of Madras applied for State aid for improvement of the slums in the City ;

(*b*) the amount applied for and the amount sanctioned by the State Government; and

(*c*) what are the schemes placed before the Government as slum improvements?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The Corporation of Madras has applied for grants for the following slum improvement schemes :—

	RS.
(1) Improvements to slums on Government, Corporation and private lands in the City carried out by the Corporation up to the end of November 1952	4,55,000
(2) Improvements effected to the slum in Kanniappa Nagar	73,000
(3) Improvements proposed to be effected to the slums on the Government lands in Lime Kilncheri, Tiruvalluvarpuram and Palmyrah Kuppam	52,840
Total ...	5,80,840

" The request of the Corporation for the payment of grants in respect of the above schemes is under consideration."

*Bridge-*cum*-regulator over the Krishna river.*

* 1137 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received the approval of the estimate for Krishna bridge-*cum*-regulator from the Government of India ; and

(*b*) if so, when and how the Government is going to implement it?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Extension of electricity to Chittoor district.

* 1138 Q.—SRI R. B. V. SUDARSANA VARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend electricity from Sholinghur in North Arcot district to Palliput, Karvetnagar and Puttur in Chittoor district;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands; and

(c) if not, will the Government consider the scheme of such extension?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (a) above.

" (c) Supply to Puthur is covered by a major scheme for extension of supply from Arkonam-Nagari-Kalahasti extension sanctioned by the Government in May 1951. According to a scheme sanctioned in February 1952 supply to Karvetnagar will be given by an extension from Puthur after the Puthur Sub-Station materialises and supply to Palliput will be given by an extension from Nagari. These schemes could not be taken up for execution for want of funds."

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" Now the time is 9-30. There are four more questions. We shall take up questions for five more minutes and finish them."

Supply of electricity to Penukonda taluk.

* 1139 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend supply of electric power to Penukonda taluk, Anantapur district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A scheme for supply of electricity to Penukonda town is under consideration."

Repairs to irrigation channels in Visakhapatnam district.

* 1140 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department of Visakhapatnam district, made a request to the Government for additional staff for carrying out repairs to and maintenance of major irrigation channels in estates recently taken over in Visakhapatnam district; and

(b) if so, whether and when the Government propose to comply with the request?